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**Gabriela Dunn of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area releases a coho salmon into Redwood Creek.**

# Release spawns coho salmon hope

## Transfer to creek seeks to save endangered fish

**By Peter Fimrite**

Instead of squiggling away like the others, one greenish-gray salmon that Gabriela Dunn released into Marin County's Redwood Creek on Friday turned around and swam back, almost as if to give the Golden Gate National Recreation Area intern a last heartfelt goodbye.

"She doesn't want to go," said Dunn, 26, who held out her hand for the fish, which was on the last leg of a harrowing journey that would soon end in its death and, against all odds, breathe new life into a beleaguered waterway.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the National Park Service released 188 coho salmon Friday into the creek that flows down from Mount Tamalpais, through Muir Woods, across Muir Beach into the ocean.

**"By cutting out the portion in the ocean where a lot of them get eaten, we now have a lot of big, healthy fish."**

*Naomi LeBeau, restoration specialist, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy*

It is a desperate attempt to save a cherished run of fish that for thousands of years migrated yearly through this redwood-lined coastal watershed and then nearly vanished. The 3-year-old salmon were among the last survivors when they were plucked from the creek in 2015 and raised at the Warm Springs Fish Hatchery in the Sonoma County community of Geyserville.

Their relocation to a hatchery saved the coho from making the perilous journey to the ocean, where 98 percent of migrating salmon are typically killed by predators, pollutants or sickness, according to Manfred Kittel, a coho salmon recovery coordinator for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

"These fish are going back into the creek as adults now, and we are hoping that they will be able to swim

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ANALYSIS

# Remarks may hurt Trump at ballot box

## President's racial attitudes alienate many Republicans

**By Joe Garofoli**

The nation is experiencing an extraordinary moment — many Americans are openly calling their president a racist. The question is whether enough voters will be sufficiently outraged to punish President Trump or his supporters at the ballot box.

The racism displayed this week when Trump referred to Haiti and some African nations as "shithole countries" isn't unique among his predecessors. America's Founding Fathers owned slaves, and another president, Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt, ordered

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# Concern over hillside doesn't deter developer

**By J.K. Dineen**

A church hoping to build affordable senior housing at the foot of San Francisco's well-to-do Forest Hill neighborhood is going forward with the project despite a new report that says the hillside above would have to be extensively strengthened so the project doesn't destabilize the sandy slope.

Christian Church Homes of Northern California has filed plans to build a five-story affordable complex at 250 Laguna Honda Blvd., a long, skinny parcel now home to a church, preschool and parking lot.

The engineering report recommends the developer use "deep soil mixing," where existing

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# Former major-leaguer has another hit: beer

**By Henry Schulman**

The Greek God of Walks is now the Greek God of Hops.

Kevin Youkilis, an infielder who won two World Series rings with the Boston Red Sox during a 10-year Major League Baseball career, wants to become known as much for his IPA as his OBP (on-base percentage).

With several partners, including former Oakland A's infielder Nick Punto, Youkilis bought, refurbished and reopened the iconic Los Gatos Brewing Co. as the Loma Brewing Co. He is realizing a dream he had while playing ball to create and sell beers that are more tasty and creative than the offerings from Budweiser, Miller and Coors sold at ballparks in which he played.

So far, so good.

One year after Loma opened, it won 2017 California Commercial Beer Brewery of the Year at the state fair by

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**Kevin Youkilis fills a glass of Appeasement IPA, one of the award-winning beers at Los Gatos' Loma Brewing Co., which was named commercial brewery of the year at the state fair.**

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